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Dear Alan:

[] a member of our OSS Review Team, visited NARS on 27 May 1980 to examine your "Himmler Papers" collection, which consists of an index and counterintelligence files concerning (a) agents of countries inimical to Nazi Germany (i.e., targets of the Gestapo), including both current United States allies (Great Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands) and regimes now considered "unfriendly" to the U.S. [] and (b) German citizens working for the Gestapo.

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We recommend that, on release of this information to the West German Government as planned, you release only the material concerning Germans who worked for the Gestapo, while retaining all material concerning the identities of other countries' agents. In view of the status of these records as a legitimate prize of war, we doubt that the withholding of certain items affecting the national security of the U.S. or of certain of its allies (including data on agents of now-hostile regimes) should affect adversely our relations with the West German Government.

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[] will continue to review these records and segregate them for release to the FRG or for retention, as appropriate.

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